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SUBJ: JAPANESE REACTION TO SECRETARY'S MONTREAL SPEECH

1. LOS DIR GEN IGUCHI CALLED EMBOFF TO FONOFF AUG 18 TO STATE THAT GOJ HAD STUDIED SECRETARY'S SPEECH WITH GREAT CARE AND FOUND ITSELF IN BASIC AGREEMENT WITH CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK AND SPECIFIC PROPOSALS MADE. IGUCHI HAD FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. THE SECRETARY STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NEGOTIATE INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER NATIONS TO CONSERVE FISH STOCKS, ENSURE EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT AND PROTECT LIVELIHOOD OF FISHERMEN. DOES THE UNITED STATES HAVE IN MIND NEGOTIATIONS BEYOND THE ALREADY ESTABLISHED TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND NEGOTIATION ON FISHERIES ISSUE?

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B. THE SECRETARY SUGGESTED THAT THE UNITED STATES

AND OTHER POTENTIAL SEABED PRODUCERS COULD CONSIDER APPROPRIATE STEPS TO PROTECT CURRENT INVESTMENT AND TO ENSURE THAT INVESTMENT PROTECTED IN TREATY. DOES THIS MEAN THAT US ENVISAGES SOME INTERIM ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THOSE NATIONS IN A POSITION TO EXPLOIT SEABEDS TO COVER PERIOD BEFORE LOS CONVENTION CONCLUDED?

C. IN GENEVA, ACCORDING TO IGUCHI, US HINTED IT MIGHT GIVE UP DEMAND FOR DIRECT ACCESS BY STATES TO DEEP SEABEDS. LDC'S HAD IMPRESSION THAT US MIGHT BACK JOINT VENTURE WITH INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY. DOES SECRETARY'S STATEMENT THAT LAW OF SEA TREATY MUST PRESERVE RIGHT OF ACCESS PRESENTLY ENJOYED BY STATES AND THEIR CITIZENS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW MEAN THAT US HAS RETREATED ON THIS ISSUE? (MITI POSED SAME QUESTION)

2. GOJ APPRECIATES EFFORTS BY SECRETARY AND DEPARTMENT TO OPPOSE UNILATERAL LEGISLATION AND WILL WELCOME CONTINUED EFFORTS TO THIS EFFECT. STATEMENT ON UNILATERAL LEGISLATION IN SPEECH REGARDED BY FONOFF AS FIRST INDICATION OF RESULTS OF DEPARTMENTAL STUDY ON SUBJECT. IGUCHI ASSUMES THERE WILL BE FURTHER ELABORATION OF VIEWS AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING COPIES OF SPEECHES, PRESS STATEMENTS, AND TRANSCRIPTS OF TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESS OPPOSING UNILATERAL LEGISLATION.
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